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THE WAR IN VIRGINIA.—The dispatches state that with the removal of the non-combatants and the erection of fortifications, Fredericksburg and its vicinity was a busy scene on Friday night. At daylight on Saturday morning a line of earthworks to the right and rear of the town, thrown up during the night, were revealed. The Federal artillery was placed in position to command these works, and the encampments exposed to the fire of the Confederate guns removed back from the river. A train of cars containing women and children, while leaving the city, was fired upon by the Federal artillery through a misunderstanding. Fortunately none were injured. The Confederates fired a few shots during the day, but were not responded to, the Federal commanders having strong reasons for not opening upon the city.

A dispatch has been received from Washington stating that a further truce of eleven hours had been granted for the removal of the women, children and sick. The time thus extended expired at eight o'clock P. M. on Saturday, when, it was said, an attack on the town was to be commenced. Fredericksburg, before the war, contained about six thousand inhabitants.

Considerable excitement was created in Washington on Saturday by the report that the Confederate General Jackson was moving on that city. This report was subsequently contradicted by another, which states that Jackson is marching to join Gen. Lee before Fredericksburg. Leesburg, Warrenton and Centreville were occupied by Confederate cavalry on Friday, the Federal outposts retiring before the advance of the Southern troops.

On Saturday, the Federal working parties near Halltown, a few miles from Harper's Ferry, were attacked by a body of Confederate cavalry, but were compelled to retire by the artillery brought to bear on them.

Gen. Wool has published, in the Philadelphia Inquirer, a vindication of his course in Baltimore. In reply to the recent letter of the gentlemen in Baltimore, whom he had arrested, he says: "There is, however, one thing in their recent resolutions which has afforded me gratification, and that is the change which the subject of incarceration has undergone in the opinion of some of these gentlemen, who have themselves tasted the sweets of imprisonment, for it was the action of men of their character (until I firmly resisted it), by incarcerating people, right and left, without cause or justification, that drove many into the Confederate ranks, and prevented others, who were wavering in their political faith, from becoming unconditional Union men."

A large number of Quartermasters are behind with their accounts and settlements. A long list has been reported for dismissal.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Northern papers have extracts from late Southern papers as follows:—

James A. Seddon, esq., of Goochland county Va., has been appointed Secretary of War, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Gen. G. W. Randolph. Mr. Seddon was one of the commissioners sent by the Virginia Legislature to attend the Peace Conference in Washington, near the close of Buchanan's administration. He represented the Richmond district in the U. S. Congress from 1845 to 1847, and from 1849 to 1851.

William Ballard Preston, one of the Confederate Senators from Virginia, died at his residence, in Montgomery county, on the 16th instant.

The Charleston Courier announces that Gen. Howell Cobb has been assigned to the command of the new department, bounded by the Suwanee and Chattahoochee rivers, in Florida and southwestern Georgia.

A letter from Dalton, Georgia, states that a number of ladies in that place had gone to the State depot and demanded of the agent some salt. He directed them to the Commissary's office, when they repaired thither and demanded salt or blood. That officer gave them salt which supplied their immediate wants. It is reported, says the Rome Courier, that this same thing was done at several other places on the State road.

By way of Memphis, we have intelligence from Mobile to the 9th instant. There was great excitement among the inhabitants in anticipation of a speedy arrival of the Federals. The Confederates had but few troops there, and the people were expecting the arrival of the Federal army. There was a general stampede. Men, women, and children were crowding the cars, steamboats, and all sorts of private conveyances in order to get out of danger.

Charles J. Jenkins has been elected Confederate Senator from the State of Georgia, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Gen. Toombs. Another account says, Herschell V. Johnson has been elected the Confederate Senator from Georgia.

The correspondent of the Richmond Enquirer locates Stonewall Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley with one of his wings, the left probably, at Martinsburg. A. P. Hill is between Charlestown and Snicker's Gap, and D. H. Hill is not far from Front Royal.

The bombardment of the town of St. Mary's, Fla., previously mentioned through extracts from Southern papers, took place on the 9th instant. Half of the town was reduced to ashes.

Southern papers have reports from Memphis that the mortar fleet will attack Vicksburg as soon as it can pass the bar at Pleasant Island.

The steamships City of Baltimore, for Liverpool, and New York, for Southampton and Bremen, which sailed from New York on Saturday, took out \$1,589,409 in specie.

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nov 13—lm

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Fare, 25 cents.
nov 12—tf

CAPT. E. S. TALBOT.